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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Thomas J. Merlock of Waukegan, who passed away on January 27, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Merlock was born on August 11, 1942 in Waukegan; his parents were John and Victoria (nee Jappel) Merlock; he grew up in North Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Merlock graduated from North Chicago Community High School and attended Marquette University; and

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WHEREAS, After having served in the United States Marine Corps, Thomas Merlock joined the family-owned service station business, Merlock's Amoco, in Waukegan; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Merlock was a past Grand Knight and a lifetime member in the Knights of Columbus; he enjoyed fishing and was a die-hard Cubs fan; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Merlock was preceded in death by his parents, John and Victoria Merlock; brother, John Merlock; and sister, Laretta Opeka; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Merlock is survived by his best friend and

1 wife, Candace (nee Finn); 4 children, Thomas L. (Lily) Merlock,
2 Kristen (Christopher) Weihs, Denise (Randy) Kleiboer, and
3 Kathryn (Juan) Cervantes; 2 step-daughters, Lisa Strang and
4 Lori Strang; 13 grandchildren, Evan, Trevor, and Jake Merlock,
5 Ally, Ashley, Adam, and Anderson Weihs, Hunter, Madelyn, and
6 Kylie Kleiboer, and Holly, Antti, and Noah Cervantes; and 3
7 step-grandchildren, Jaxson Strang, Dylan Kleiboer, and David
8 Cervantes; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
11 family and friends, mourn the passing of Thomas J. Merlock; and
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Thomas Merlock as an expression of
15 our sympathy.